account of economic-imbalances and such imbalances in a particular State or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planned development. Steps are being taken in this direction.

Sharing of Ganga Waters with Bangladesh

1042.SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any initiative to enter into a fresh agreement with Bangladesh on the question of sharing of Ganga Water;

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to ensure the flow of adequate water into the Hooghly river through the feeder canal at Farakka Barrage point; and

(c) what is the outcome of the ongoing bilateral talks between India and Bangladesh on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Bilateral talks with Bangladesh for sharing of Ganga Water have not been completed.

Accumulation of goods for export at Delhi Airport due to non-availability of freight carriers

1043. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about two thousand tonnes of goods for export are lying at Delhi Airport due to non-availability of freight carriers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that export orders amounting to more than twenty crores of rupees have been cancelled by foreign buyers as a result thereof;

(c) if so, what action has been taken to tackle the situation and also to avoid such situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. While a number of representations have been received regarding accumulation of export consignments at Delhi Airport, however, no reports have been received regarding cancellation of any specific export order.

(b) and (c) During the peak season from January to June, due to spurt in export activity, there is pressure on the air cargo export infrastructure and capacity. However, concerted measures have been taken with the assistance of the Ministries and agencies including Director-General of Civil Aviation, Customs, International, Airport Authority of India and the Airlines to arrange for additional flights and clear the cargo backlog. These measures include the adoption of an open skies policy involving grant of permission to scheduled and non-scheduled frighter operators to provide additional flights with inward loading rights, creation of increased holding capacity in the Goods Terminals at Gateway Airports, permitting tourist charter operators to carry expot consignments on their return flights from India, extension of the demurrage free period for export consignments in the IAAI warehouse from 6 days to 11 days and extension of garment quota expiry date from 17th to 30th April, 1989 etc.

Departmental stores for Delhi Police

1044. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal for the opening of Departmental Stores for Delhi Police personnel wherefrom they could purchase essential commodities and get a commission of Rs. 50/- on their monthly purchase bill by way of subsidy;

(b) whether the proposal was not agreed to;